

OUR MISSIONARY FAMILY

▶ **2010 Mission Directories** are available from the Global Ministries office. A donation of \$1.00 would be appreciated to offset printing and mailing costs.

▶ **The Japan Committee** of the Global Ministries Commission is selling 12 oz. mugs for \$10 each to help raise funds for our Fuchinobe church plant. The mugs are tan, brown, and blue and have the name of the EC Church with the phrase 'Partnering for the World'. If you would be interesting in purchasing one, please contact the Global Ministries office. S&H will be extra cost.

▶ **The 2010 VBS/MMK project** is to raise monies for Nepal. The funds will be used to help Christian families who have taken in orphans, and to assist the church plants. The 5-Minute VBS materials are available on our website, ecglobal@eccenter.org.

▶ **The 2010 MMK lessons** will also be available at our website by the end of this month. You can download each lesson individually, or all of them at once.

▶ **Dan Dixon** will be home from mid-July to mid-August for a short one-month vacation with family and friends. His parents were not able to go to visit him in Kenya as planned. Dan will not be available for deputation.

▶ **Nick, Lisa, Hannah and Samuel Lakatos** will be leaving next month for a year of language training in Costa Rica. This is in preparation for serving with OMS in Mexico City. Their address is in the new directory. Please keep the family in prayer as they adjust to a new language and culture.

▶ Congratulations to **Janet Stahl** who had an article published in the April issue of Missiology. Janet's article, entitled "Telling our Stories Well", deals with creative ways to tell the Gospel story among oral cultures. Janet and her husband Jim work with The Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe.

▶ **Corrected email address** – We have learned that the email address for **Chris Bowers** in the directory is incorrect. The correct address is c.bowers@sil.org.pg



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SOAKING IT IN

The central part of Pennsylvania is prone to a lot of summer rain. That makes it difficult to plan outdoor activities, but it is good for the farmers. Most summers the water supply is adequate if not abundant, saving the farmers the expense of irrigation. The crops soak in the rain, sending down deep roots and responding with a bountiful harvest of strawberries, corn and peaches among others.

However, if we have an extended dry spell, the earth gets hard, cracked and dry. The clay in the area turns the ground into the consistency of a brick. Then, even when the rains come, it doesn't penetrate; it just runs off, wasted.

What a strong parallel to our spiritual lives! Unless we keep well watered in our daily devotional life, drinking deeply of God's Word, we'll get hardened and unable to produce any fruit. The apostle Paul had some strong words in Hebrews for people like this; they were like "land that produces thorns and thistles...worthless and in danger of being cursed." (Hebrews 6:8)

So take the opportunity to soak in God's Word, and produce abundantly by sharing your fruit with others. We are surrounded by people who are starving for the Good News; it's our responsibility to share it with them.

"Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God. But land that produces thorns and thistles is worthless and is in danger of being cursed. In the end it will be burned. Even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case – things that accompany salvation." Hebrews 6:7-9

–Pat Strain.

JULY PRAYER CALENDAR INSIDE

EMPOWERING NATIONAL CHURCHES
• FACILITATING MISSIONS WORKERS • MINISTERING TO
THE MARGINALIZED • CREATING WORLD CHRISTIANS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
August Birthdays August 1(2001) - JoAnna Abernethy August 5(1989) - Seth Toy August 5(1989) - Ethan Toy August 9(1994) - Caleb Abernethy August 15 - John Miller					1	2	3
* INDICATES RETIREE (c) INDICATES CANDIDATE + INDICATES MISSIONS ASSOCIATE				PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of India - being impacted by an embargo due to rebel groups		Brad & Maxine Waldman - teacher training in children's ministries	Joe Toy - open air ministry at National Mall, Washington DC
4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>- Rev. Dan Dixon</i>	10	
HERE AND THERE - Randy Sizemore							
PRAYER NEEDS Be grateful for your freedom of religion in the USA	Jim & Joan Farr - safety in travel to villages for summer translation work - PNG	Carlos Kelly - York PA church plant	Roy & Sue Haglund - serving at MAF headquarters in Meridian, ID	Jamie & Anita Farr - balancing family and work for WBT at Orlando headquarters	Randy & Chris Amberman - work with Navajo church leaders and youth	David & Conce Roof - serving in northern Brazil as church planters	
11	12	13 <i>- Rev. Kurt Graff</i>	14	15 <i>- Hannah Wagner (1999)</i>	16	17	
July 11 - Speak at Mohn's Hill EC Church, evening service							
PRAYER NEEDS Jim & Janet Stahl - training story tellers to tell the Greatest Story ever told	BJ & Rachel Whitaker - relocation, arrival of new baby	Dan Dixon - traveling mercies from Kenya to USA	Gloria Smethers - serving as a nurse at Rift Valley Academy, Kenya	Marcia Hopler - cross cultural expert serving with IVCF	Robert & Bettina Schaeffer - serving with LIFE Ministries in NY & PA	Nick & Lisa Lakatos - preparing to leave for Costa Rica & language school	
18	19	20 <i>- Pat Strain</i>	21 <i>- Janet Baker*</i>	22	23 <i>- Carla Sizemore</i>	24 <i>- Rev. Don Kunkel*</i>	
July 16-26 - Missionary in residence, Herndon Camp Meeting							
PRAYER NEEDS US leadership of the EC Church	Rev. Dr. Fred Moury Jr., acting chairman of the EC National Conference	EC Churches of Costa Rica	Rev. Dr. Gordon Lewis, taking office as Susquehanna region Conference Minister	Edwin Mieses - Hazleton PA church plant	Rev. Randy Sizemore, Global Ministries Director	Pray for all of the leaders of our international EC churches	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
PRAYER NEEDS EC Church of Nepal - ministry to and care of orphans	Ken Sears - preparations for 6-month furlough	EC Church of Mexico - some border churches affected by drug wars	Ann Brown - ministering to Navy wives in San Diego with Navigators	EC Church of Japan - new church plant in Fuchinobe area	Dan & Mary Lynne Wills - serving with The Seed Company, WBT	EC Church of Liberia - incorporating new church plants into existing EC structure	